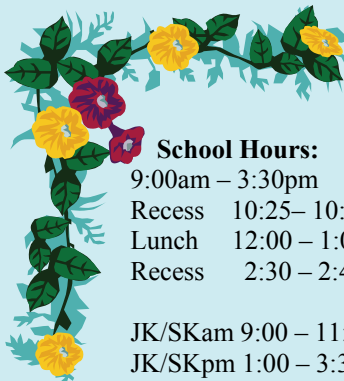




June, 2011



St. Edith Stein
Also known as:
Teresa Benedicta
Born October 12, 1891
Died August 9, 1942



School Hours:
9:00am – 3:30pm
Recess 10:25 – 10:40
Lunch 12:00 – 1:00
Recess 2:30 – 2:45

JK/SKam 9:00 – 11:30
JK/SKpm 1:00 – 3:30

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Vice-Chair: Patricia Scire

Principal's Message

June is here and it has brought sunshine and warm summer weather! Last week, our Grade 8 students received the sacrament of confirmation with St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. It was a wonderful celebration as candidates along with their sponsors pledged their commitment to their Catholic faith. We thank Father Mark, Sister Nocy and the Grade 8 teachers, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Nusca for their guidance and preparation for this important sacrament of passage. We also thank Ms. Blazevic, Mrs. Powidajko and Mrs. Curtis for preparing the grade 7 students to sing so beautifully at the mass.

This coming week, June 6th our Grade 8 students are off to Muskoka, an athletic camp where they will be actively involved in numerous outdoor activities. The Grade 7's are travelling to Ottawa learning about our history, visiting historical places, museums, and taking part in fun activities.

The Family Track Meet will take place on Tuesday, June 14th at St. Marcellinus Secondary School. We congratulate all students that participate and cheer on the ones that qualify for the Board Track Meet on Friday, June 24th TBA.

Students in Grade 3 have just finished writing EQAO and the Grade 6 will begin writing EQAO on June 7th. We wish them all the best as they demonstrate a culmination of all their learnings!

Our Senior Kindergartens will graduate on Wednesday, June 22nd—at 10:15 & 2:15 p.m. We look forward to seeing their parents at their graduation!

Our Grade 8's will also be graduating on Thursday, June 27th at the Mississauga Convention Centre. We congratulate them and wish them all the best as they move on to high school!

On Thursday, June 23rd we hope you will join us for our annual Friendship Mass hosted by the Senior Kindergarten and Grade 8 students.
Ann Marie Slak

St. Edith Stein welcomes
Mrs. Christine Boulanger
the new principal
for St. Edith Stein beginning
September, 2011.

Prayer for June

Dear God,
You have done such a marvelous job of creating us and the world around us.

You have placed this creation, including all the people we meet, in our care.

We come to you now asking for the grace and strength to be fair.

Everyday we are tempted to show that we are a little bit superior to those around us.

Grant us the strength to resist that temptation.

Keep our minds and our hearts focused on your great plan for all people instead of our own small plans for ourselves.

We ask this in name of Jesus, who lived to show us your way.
Amen.

P.A. Day
Monday, June 13th
No School!



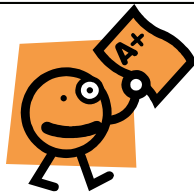
Vice Principal's Message

Goodbye from Mr. MacDonald

It is with sadness that I inform you that I will be leaving St. Edith Stein at the end of this school year. I have been transferred to St. Thomas More School as their Vice Principal effective September, 2011. I feel fortunate to have been a part of this school community for the last four years. Thank you for your welcoming and support during my time here. I will miss the students, staff, parents and special events that have made this school such a wonderful place to be. Due to declining enrolment, there will be no Vice Principal here in September. While I am looking forward to my new position and being in only one school, I will miss St. Edith Stein and will take many fond memories with me.

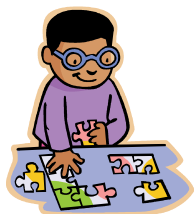
Report Cards

Reports cards will be going home on Tuesday, June 28th. The third page is a "Response Form" to be completed, signed and returned. Use this page with your child, as a "plan for next year's goals." In the event of changes in staffing, the report card will only state the grade level for next year.



Junior Kindergarten Registration 11/12

Pre-registration for 2011-2012 Junior Kindergarten classes took place in February. If you missed this opportunity to enroll your child or know of someone who has moved into the area please contact the school for registration information.



Class Placements

There are many factors teachers take into consideration when deciding a class placement. To list a few: gender ratios, academic abilities, social compatibility, students with special needs, etc. Submitted requests may raise additional factors to consider. Please be advised, that there is no intention on our part to make any child's school year miserable, but there are circumstances that make it difficult to accommodate requests. Declining enrolment and the primary class size cap imposed by the provincial government will result in additional split grades. The re-organization day will take place on Friday, September 16th.

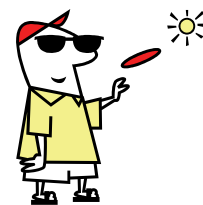
Friendship Mass

St. Edith Stein School will be having their Friendship Mass on Thursday, June 23rd. It will be held in the Gym at 9:15 a.m. All Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.



School Dress Code - Warm Weather

Students are expected to adhere to the standards of modesty, neatness and good taste in their attire within our Catholic school. Short shorts, excessively tight shorts, halter/crop tops are not considered appropriate for the school environment.



Tank tops must adhere to the 3-finger rule width rule. Shirts need to be an appropriate length without violent or inappropriate language or symbols. Sunglasses, hats and visors are for outdoor wear. Sunscreen is a good protection from the harmful effects of exposure to the sun.

Our Catholic School Heritage

10. Exactly what separate school rights does section 93(1) guarantee?

Section 93(1) protects all the provisions of the last separate school legislation passed before Confederation, the *Separate School (Scott) Act* of 1863. Among others, the *Act* provided the following rights:

- (a) to form a separate school board with five or more Catholic heads of family resident in a public school jurisdiction;
- (b) to receive government grants equitable with those of the public school system;
- (c) to receive equitable funding;
- (d) to have separate school boundaries enlarged;
- (e) to elect separate school trustees with all the powers of public school trustees.

11. Once section 93(1) was enacted, why did Ontario's separate school supporters continue to suffer financial hardship?

The *Separate School (Scott) Act* of 1863 did not anticipate the creation and/or growth of corporations and public utilities in Ontario, or the creation of public high schools. These two omissions caused over 100 years of financial hardship and inequity for separate school supporters.

12. Why did Catholic parents and students have to pay tuition to attend a Catholic high school after grade ten?

In 1871 the Ontario government passed an *Act to Improve the Common Schools and Grammar Schools of Ontario*. This *Act* abolished common and grammar schools and created public schools for grades one to ten and high schools for grades nine to thirteen. The highest official with the Department of Education, *Egerton Ryerson*, commented that the 1871 *Act* did not affect separate schools. The separate school boards operating secondary school classes carried on, receiving funding from grants and taxes. However, early in the twentieth century the government passed legislation which forbade a separate school board from offering education beyond grade ten if its boundaries fell partially or fully within the boundaries of a high school district. Thus, all but one separate school board (in Dublin) lost their ability to receive tax or government grant financing beyond grade ten. Furthermore, if a separate school board chose to continue operating grades nine and ten, it received only elementary school grants for them.

Sad to See You Go! Mrs. MacMillan, ERW will be leaving St. Edith Stein effective Monday, June 5th to support a new special needs student at St. Sebastian School. Mrs. MacMillan has been on our staff for 4 years working with numerous special needs students at all grade levels. This year she organized the milk and cookie program. In addition, Mrs. MacMillan has always been actively involved in coaching softball, soccer, track & field and cross country. We thank you for all your many contributions over the years and wish you every success as you move on to St. Sebastian.



June's Virtue of the Month is:

Affirmation:

I act with fairness.

I look for the truth and think for myself.

I am fair in everything I do.

I protect what is fair for me and others.

What is Fairness?

Fairness is being just in everything you do. When you are fair you stand up for what is right and fair for others and yourself. You take turns and share. You are open-minded and listen to others. You get what you deserve.

Why practice Fairness?

You should practice fairness and respect so that these virtues become a part of you and you grow up to be a fair and responsible adult. To raise your own level of fullness in joy and happiness you need to live lovingly and conscientiously and practice fairness every day. Then you are also being a good and uplifting example to those around you.

How do you practice Fairness?

Fairness is practiced by treating others the way you want to be treated. When you are dealing with other people you should always treat them with equanimity and impartially. Would you like someone to judge you before listening to what you have to say? Of course not, so you need to be open-minded and reasonable. You need to always play by the rules and not take advantage of people. When taking action or making decisions consider how these will affect other people.

You are practicing the Virtue of FAIRNESS when you...

- Play by the rules
- Don't take advantage of others
- Consider how your actions and decisions affect others
- Are open-minded and reasonable
- Treat others the way you want to be treated

You need more practice when you...

- ✦ Cheat
- ✦ Take advantage of others
- ✦ Don't care how your actions or decisions are going to affect others
- ✦ Think your way is the only way
- ✦ Think only of yourself

Thank You and Good-Bye



At this time of year, we are sad to say good-bye to two very special staff members who have given so much to our students and have contributed tremendously to St. Edith Stein School this past year. We wish them much success as they continue forth with their careers. From all of us, thank you:

Mrs. Ellery for teaching the morning JK class and introducing students to a their first school experience!

Mrs. Ryan for teaching Grade 2/3 and for being involved in many activities in the school over the last several years, including First Communion this year.

Mrs. Davis for teaching Grade 2 and helping out in several areas around the school over the last two years.



Student Transportation of Peel Region

INTEGRATED RIDERSHIP

The school board's bus transportation services are operated by Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR). This is a consortium, or partnership, between the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board. The Ministry of Education requires school board bus transportation consortiums to improve efficiency.

One initiative promoted by the Ministry of Education, that is designed to improve efficiency is known as integrated ridership. In integrated ridership, students from both Dufferin-Peel and Peel schools will ride on the same buses, where feasible. The majority of school boards across the province have successfully implemented integrated ridership. Integrated ridership is designed to create a more effective and efficient operation of service, is more environmentally friendly and reduces traffic in our communities. All eligible students continue to be transported on runs where integrated ridership is implemented.

The STOPR Governance Committee has approved implementation of integrated ridership for fourteen pairs of Dufferin-Peel Catholic and Peel District School Board locations. At this time, St. Edith Stein is not among these schools.

Parents/students at those 28 schools will receive further communication from STOPR regarding the implementation of this program at their schools. Meetings with principals at both Dufferin-Peel Catholic and the Peel District School Board are being convened to ensure a smooth transition to this new program. Courtesy riders may continue to be accommodated on some integrated bus routes, although the number of courtesy seats will be less due to the efficiencies generated on the integrated routes.

Integrated ridership will also be initiated on some special education transportation runs. STOPR will also be providing additional information to parents of students utilizing special education transportation.

STOPR will keep you informed through regular updates in school newsletters over the upcoming months.

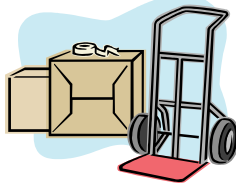
First Communion & Confirmation

Congratulations to our Grade 2 students who received their First Communion and our Grade 8 students who received their Confirmation. We wish all those who have recently celebrated these Sacraments our prayers and the blessing of our Lord.



Are You Moving?

If you are planning to move or have already moved please notify the school office. If you have moved out of Peel Region, register at your local school so taxes will be directed to the board in which you reside. Your co-operation is appreciated.



Up-Date Information

Please inform the office of any changes to telephone numbers, work numbers, cell phone numbers and contact people! We cannot stress enough the importance of this information. This includes any medical information that may jeopardize the health safety of your child(ren).

Lost and Found

We have accumulated a large number of clothing items in the lost and found boxes over the year. The clothing is now being organized, folded and placed on tables in the hallway to the left of the gym. Please have your child(ren) check on these tables for any items that belong to them. If you know that your child is missing an article of clothing, please sign in at the office and have a look. Any unclaimed items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul during the last week of school.



Name the Monster Contest

To create an awareness of how quickly disposable water bottles can add up, our ECO Team has created a "Monster" from these empty bottles. We also held a contest to name the plastic monster. Congratulations to the following prize winners:

Winner—Carla C.—Gr. 7 Name: "Plastinator"

Runner Up—Allison W.—Gr. 7 Name: "Eco Destroyer"

Runner Up—Carla C.—SKpm Name: "Ecosaurus"

Walking to School Prizes

Congratulations to our first two "Frequent Walker" student winners: Chloe W. Gr. 3 and Allison W. Gr. 7. We have had a great response so far to our walking to school initiative. Next draw on Friday, June 3rd!

Dates to Remember



June

- 2-3 EQAO for Grade 3 students
- 6-8 Grade 8 Trip to Muskoka Woods
- 6-9 Grade 7 Trip to Ottawa
- 7-9 EQAO for Grade 6 students
- 13 P.A. Day—Report Card Preparation
- 14 JK/SK Fire safety Presentations
- 14 Track and Field Family Meet @ St. Marcellinus
- 16 School Council Meeting—7 p.m.
- 17 Rockumentaries Performances — p.m.
- 17 Movie Night — Gnomeo & Juliet (7 p.m.)
- 20 Circle of Friends Assembly—9:15 a.m.
- 20 All Star Reading Celebration 10:15 a.m.
- 20 Volunteer Tea—3:30—5:00 p.m.
- 21 Grade 4 Trip to Halton Museum
- 21 Grade 6 Trip to Canadian Warplane Museum
- 22 SK Graduation—10:15 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. in foyer
- 23 Friendship Mass—9:15 a.m.—in gym
- 24 Track and Field Board Meet @ St. Marcellinus
- 27 Play Day
- 27 Grade 8 Graduation at Miss. Convention Centre
- 28 Report Cards go home
- 30 Last day of School
- 30 Clap Out of Grade 8's



September

- 5 Labour Day
- 6 **First Day of Classes**
- 16 PD Day – Re-organization Day



Thank you to:

Mrs. Daniela Schulze from the Lisgar Residents Association for the donation of a case of mugs to the school.

Thank You for SIX Wonderful Years!

It's hard to believe that six years has flown by so quickly and now it's time to leave St. Edith Stein School and community! What a honour it has been to work with an amazing, dedicated and hard working staff who care so much for enriching the hearts and minds of all our students.

To all the students at St. Edith Stein, I have been blessed with the joy of your smiles, your enthusiasm to learn, to participate in athletics at all levels and all types, to take on with such zeal our healthy school, eco school and walk-to-school initiatives and to all the clubs, choirs, teams, helpers, special events, concerts you have participated in to make St. Edith Stein a great school! I commend you all for your generous hearts, the care you show one another and for those in need—you are all Virtue-in-Action winners to me!

Thank you to all the parents and the St. Edith Stein community for entrusting your children in my care, and for your support over the years! It has been an honour to be the principal of St. Edith Stein.

I leave with a sad and heavy heart but at the same time, I have many happy memories that will stay with me for many years to come. God Bless everyone, keep you all safe and far from harms reach, Ann Marie Slak.



DPCDSB Math Olympics—St. Edith Stein 1st Place!



On April 26th St. Edith Stein participated in the DPCDSB Math Olympics that was held at St. Martin's Secondary School. Student Teams of Grade 7 & 8 students solved challenging math problems that were created by St. Martin's Gr. 12 math students. We are very proud of both teams that braved through the challenges and represented St. Edith Stein. Team 2 : Andrew P. Arianna K., Ailish G., and Adam A. achieved 1st Place in both rounds and brought home the trophy that stands proudly in our office. Team 1: Sydney S., Alexander P., Genevieve Y., and Michael B. Great job! Special thanks to Ms. Blazevic, Mrs. Allen and all our math teachers!